

In The Claims:

Please enter the following amended claims 17 and 21:

17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 11.

21. (Amended) The gene corresponding to the cDNA sequence of SEQ ID NO: X.

Please add the following claim:

24. (New) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition, comprising administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polynucleotide of claim 1.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add priority information. The claims have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicants regard as the invention. Support for new claim 24 can be found throughout the application as filed. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made".

No new matter has been introduced.

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